

Summary of Examiner Interview

The Examiner's summary of the interview is essentially correct, except that the Examiner spoke with the undersigned, not with Mr. Ishimaru, and except that the Examiner offered and agreed to make and enter the drawings amendments.

During the Examiner-initiated interview, the Examiner indicated that the application was in condition for allowance except for several formality matters that the Examiner offered to address by way of an Examiner's amendment. Those matters were discussed and the ensuing Examiner's amendment accurately incorporates the agreed-upon amendments.

The agreed-upon amendments also included the Examiner's offer to make the agreed-upon drawings amendments by way of the Examiner's amendment. Yet the Notice of Allowability, item 5., incorrectly makes a requirement that the Applicant submit corrected drawings. This is contrary to the agreement reached in the interview, which was material to the agreement not to pursue the traversal of the drawings legends requirement in this application.

However, although it would therefore be appropriate for the Examiner to withdraw the requirement for replacement drawings sheets, it is believed that the issued patent will be better presented with formal text rather than hand-printed text. Accordingly, replacement sheets in conformity with the Examiner's drawings amendments are voluntarily submitted herewith, to be substituted for those prepared by the Examiner. Action in accordance herewith is accordingly respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition to be issued and issuance thereof at an early date is accordingly respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this

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